Proceedings under FERA against Acharya Rajneesh

1074. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Acharya Rajneesh who has recently returned to India disposing of his assets abroad including 93 Rolls Royce cars;

(b) whether Acharya Rajneesh has brought any foreign exchange to India which he earned from sale proceeds of the assets abroad; and

(c) whether any action has been initiated against Acharya Rajneesh under F.E.R.A. (Foreign Exchange Regulation Act)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of shares of Indo-Gulf Fertilizers Company by Financial Institutions

1075. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the India Today dated 15th January, 1987 that when Indo-Gulf Fertilizers Company officials found that they could manage from share-market only about rupees 16 crores for their equity expansion of about rupees 40 crores, the higher-ups in the Banking Department were activated and all the financial institutions entered the market, making massive purchase of company's shares;

(b) if so, what were the merits of the decisions taken by the financial institutions in this regard; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been made in the matter and if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (c) Government have seen the report. The Industrial Development Bank of India has reported that out of the total public issue of Rs. 80.85 crores made by the Indo-Gulf Fertilizers and Chemical Corporation Ltd., shares of the value of Rs. 26.12 crores were allotted to public financial institutions and the balance shares amounting to Rs. 54.73 crores were taken by the Public.

It is the practice of public financial institutions to subscribe to equity capital on selective basis as measure of support to the capital market. No enquiry is being conducted in the matter.

Income Tax outstanding against film stars

1076. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the film stars against whom Income-tax of more than Rs. 50,000/- is outstanding at present; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government to recover the amount in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Information regarding film stars having outstanding taxes more than Rs. 50,000/- is not maintained as the efforts required to collect this information would not be commensurate with the result achieved. However, quarterly information regarding film stars against whom income-tax demands exceeding Rs. 1 lakh remained outstanding is gathered from the field formations. Based on this information, the names of the film stars against whom income-tax demand exceeding Rs. 1 lakh was outstanding as on 30-9-1986 are given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)